



Dr. James H. Holmes Sr.

October 16, 1930 - June 29, 2021

Rev. Dr. James Harmon Holmes, Sr., passed away peacefully at 8:45 am on June 29, 2021, at the age of 90. He was born in 1930 on October 16th. He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Ida S. Holmes.

He will be lovingly remembered by Lynn Blumenthal (daughter) and Terry Blumenthal, Jim Holmes, Jr. (son) and Jo Ellen Holmes, Rev. Julie McKenna (daughter) and Greg McKenna. Grand children Daniel, Aaron, Sarah, Nathan, and Kathryn.

He has a Doctor of Theology from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. He was a United Methodist Minister for over 50 years serving in various capacities and shepherding congregations in Georgia, New York, and Tennessee. Some of his notable appointments included: Riverside Church, NY, NY (1964-1972)), District Superintendent, Memphis Asbury District (1975-1980) , Germantown United Methodist Church (1980-1989), Director , Conference Council on Ministries, Memphis Annual Conference (1989-1995).

He loved to sing old hymns and harmonize. He also played the piano and organ. He also enjoyed woodworking, gardening, writing, and keeping up with current events.

The funeral service will be at Germantown United Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 6, 2021. Visitation with family will occur from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the narthex. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Germantown United Methodist Church.

Events

JUL **Visitation** 09:30AM - 10:45AM

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Germantown United Methodist Church
2331 S. Germantown Rd., Germantown, TN, US, 38138

JUL **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Though I now live in Colorado I receive the Memphis Conference Communications. I call this my home conference, if a lay person can have a home conference. I had the pleasure of knowing and working with Jim for several years. His gifts were many and his ability to recognize one’s talents and lead us to use our talents was remarkable. I was visiting a daughter in New Jersey some years ago and I took gifts to her one year old daughter. The daughter quickly tore off my very careful wrapping of her gift but then pushed the gift aside and toddled around gleefully swinging the wrapping back and forth! We almost did not get her to even see the real gift! Jim had the ability to recognize the difference between life’s wrappings and the true gifts we are given to share.

One year he and I served as counselors for the senior high camp at Lakeshore. The group he and I were working with seemed to have little interest in the materials we were given to use. After a session and a half, Jim decided to introduce the group to a game I am going to call, “Build Them a House.” The process was for the group to select one member and build a house for that person, from selecting the location to handing the keys to the person, who was only allowed to accept the house or reject it! The group came alive. One young man, pretty laid back and not too active accepted his house, out in the country on a gravel road, car under repair on blocks under a big tree, but he turned down the picket fence across the front because, “It’s painted white and I’d have to repaint it too often!” Jim said he had had a house built for him once and it had a red front door. And when he moved the next time, the house he bought had a red front door!

I am blessed to have known and learned from Jim as he lived and now will recall those memories as he has completed his race. Blessings to each of us for having had Jim as a friend and companion.

Dr. Jerry G. Brewster, 13661 E. Marina Drive, Apt 412, Aurora, CO 80014

Jerry G Brewster - July 05 at 12:05 PM



“ Ida and family: Jim was our District Superintendent when Carroll and I were appointed to Scenic Hills in Memphis in 1977. We remember hosting you in our parsonage as lunch guests and attending many district events with you in the following years. When we retired to Jackson, our paths intersected many times again. Both of you were faithful reporters for our retirees' newsletter, News 'n' Views, while Carroll was Editor. Like his father, Jim's ministry and leadership impacted the lives of many across the Memphis Conference. May God comfort and sustain you. Peace!

Rev. Russell N. Gallimore, clergy colleague, Jackson, TN, July 3, 2021



Russell N. Gallimore - July 03 at 10:26 PM



“ Harry Durbin, Steve Stone, and I became Jim's "project" when we came out of seminary in 1978. I think his dissertation had something to do with keeping novice pastors from doing too much damage, for which we were his raw material. Thanks, Jim. It was an honor knowing you. You did Jesus proud.

Bill Barnard

Bill Barnard - July 03 at 04:53 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. James H. Holmes Sr..



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